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State of California Moves County of Orange to Purple Tier Effective Immediately

Santa Ana, Calif. (January 25, 2021) – Officials with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today ended the Regional Stay at Home Order, lifting the order for all regions statewide, including Southern California. Four-week intensive care unit (ICU) capacity projections for the Southern California Region are above 15%, the threshold that allows regions to exit the order. The state’s press release may be found [here](#).

This action allows all counties statewide to return to the rules and framework of the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) and color-coded tiers that indicate which activities and businesses are open based on local case rates and test positivity. As a result, the County of Orange was moved into the [Purple Tier](#), the state’s most restrictive tier based on our current adjusted daily case rate and test positivity rate (seven day average with seven day lag.) Services and activities, such as outdoor dining and personal services, may resume immediately with required modifications.

CDPH has a list of Activity and Business Tiers that are open, closed or open with modifications with respect to each county on the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) website. Orange County residents may search for a business or activity type by visiting <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> and typing in “Orange” in the County field, entering the business or activity type, and clicking, “GET LATEST STATUS.”

Because case rates remain high across most of the state, the state's [Hospital Surge Order](#) remains in place to prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed. The [Limited Stay at Home Order](#), which limits non-essential activities between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., expires with the [Regional Stay At Home Order](#) ending.

The Orange County Health Care Agency has also updated its [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) on the Orange County’s Health Officer’s Revised Orders and Strong Recommendations section of its website to reflect the new tier status.

What Orange County Residents and Businesses Can Do

There are several steps Orange County residents can do at this time:

1. Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine

For the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccine in Orange County, go to covidvaccinefacts.com. To register for COVID-19 vaccination at a Super POD site in Orange County, go to Othena.com. For questions about Othena, call (714) 834-2000 or e-mail support@compositeapps.net.

2. Get Tested for COVID-19

The OC Health Care Agency officials are urging residents, especially those with any symptoms, to get tested for the virus.



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[COVID-19 testing](#) is now widely available across the county for those who are symptomatic or asymptomatic, with or without insurance, at no cost. Testing takes only a few minutes and results generally come back within two to three days.

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home and let close contacts know. A close contact is someone you were within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period during the infectious period.

3. Stay Home if You Don't Feel Well

Consult with a health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, please call the OC Health Care Agency's Health Referral Line at 1(800) 564-8448.

4. Stay Home When Possible

When you leave the house, avoid crowds and stay 6 feet apart from people not in your household.

5. Do Not Gather

Do not mix households; for example, it is strongly recommended that people don't dine outdoor or gather for any activities with people not living in the same household.

6. Wear a Face Covering

Wear a face covering you are around people not in your household, especially when indoors.

7. Wash Your Hands Often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

8. Avoid Touching Your Eyes, Nose and Mouth with Unwashed Hands

9. Clean and Disinfect Frequently Touched Surfaces

10. Understand and Comply with the State's Guideline for Your Business and Events

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